



Topic: Temporary Funding for Residential Providers

Residential Services

Effective May 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020 or the end of the public health emergency, whichever is sooner, the amount, process and timing of payments to providers of Individual Supports (IS) Daily Rate will change. Pursuant to requirements of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), continued payment will require a direct link to current service claims.

May 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020 (or the end of the public health emergency, whichever is first)

- IS Daily Rates will be temporarily enhanced to include (1) the previously calculated 20% funding for increased daytime staffing needs, and (2) a \$3.00 per hour increase to direct support professional (DSP) wages. Notice of the temporarily enhanced rates, as required by CMS, is posted here: nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/NJ%20DDD%20CCP%20rate%20notice%2005-01-2020.pdf
- Temporarily enhanced rates apply only to fee-for-service claims to DXC for IS Daily Rate services rendered to Community Care Program recipients.
- Providers will continue to claim and be reimbursed at the regular (not enhanced) daily rate for each individual who meets the reimbursement criteria outlined in Appendix M of the Community Care Program Policies and Procedures Manual.
- At the close of each month, the Division will process a supplemental payment for IS Daily Rate providers as follows: Total IS Daily Rate units multiplied by Rate Differential (difference between regular and temporarily enhanced daily rates). Taken together (claims reimbursements plus Division's supplemental payment), providers will receive the enhanced IS Daily Rates.
- The Division will perform a final reconciliation one quarter after the enhanced rate period ends to account for claims lag and ensure alignment between on-system claims and off-system financial transactions.

The previous 20% payment methodology will be prorated through April 30, 2020 and then will cease.

No Changes Needed to Individualized Service Plans (ISPs)

- Due to the temporary nature of the IS Daily Rate enhancement, there will be no change in service prior authorizations, claiming, DXC rates, or service plans.
- Support Coordinators do not need to revise ISPs.